

As you may know, if Congress does not reach an agreement on a bill to fund the government for the remainder of fiscal year 2011 by midnight April 8, there will be a federal government shutdown. I remain committed to passing a bill that will cut spending significantly while keeping the federal government open. I am hopeful that the House, Senate and President will be able to reach an agreement that recognizes that deficit crisis our country faces, reduces federal spending, and ensures that the federal government remains operational.

While I am working to avert a shutdown, I do want to help you prepare for that possibility. Many of you are wondering what a government shutdown could mean for you, and how it will impact the federal services and benefits you normally receive.

Below are links to answers for frequently asking questions (FAQs) during a federal government shutdown. If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to [contact my office](#). The executive branch, not Congress, determines which executive branch activities are carried out during a lapse in funding, so this information is subject to change.

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